(c) whether the State Governments were formally consulted before arriving at a decision;

(d) if so, whether the suggestions raised therein have been included while finalizing the new curriculum;

(e) whether Government sought the views of educational experts on the review of curriculum frame work; and

(f) if so, the reaction of Government thereto?

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF HUMAN RESOURCE DEVELOPMENT (DR. (SMT.) RITA VERMA): (a) to (f) NCERT undertakes extensive consultation while formulating its curriculum framework. Such consultation took place in 1988, and it has been done for more extensively while preparing the National Curriculum Framework 2000. The Discussion Document of the National Curriculum Framework-2000 was formally circulated for comments and suggestions to the Education Ministers in the States and UTs, Education Secretaries, Directors of Education/Directors of Public Instructions, SCERTs, State Boards of School Education, eminent educationists, subject experts, teachers and teacher educators and the like. The document was also discussed in various national and regional seminars, where State Government representatives participated. The comments and suggestions received were considered by NCERT while finalizing the new Curriculum Framework.

Schemes for women and children

4016. PROF. R.B.S. VARMA: Will the Minister of HUMAN RESOURCE DEVELOPMENT be pleased to state:

(a) the names and the details of schemes being implemented for development of women and children at present;

(b) the funds allocated for the same during the last three years; and

(c) the number of women and children benefited by these schemes during this period?

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF HUMAN RESOURCE DEVELOPMENT (SHRIMATI SUMITRA MAHAJAN): (a) The details of schemes being implemented by the Department of Women and Child Development for development of women and children at present are given in Statement-I *(See* below)

(b) and (c) funds allocated and number of women and children benefited by these schemes during the last three years are given in Statement-II.

Statement-I

Details of the Schemes being implemented by DWCD at present

1. Scheme of Creches/Day Care Centres for Children of Working and ailing Women.

It aims to provide day care services for the children (0-5 years) of mainly casual, mirgrant, agricultural and construction labourers.

2. National Creche Fund

It provides for a corpus fund to meet the growing requirement of opening more creche centers for working and ailing mothers.

3. Hostels for Working Women

Under the scheme financial assistance is given to voluntary organisations, local bodies and cooperative institutions engaged in the field of women's/ social welfare/women's education. Public Sector Undertaking, Women Development Corporations, Educational Institutions an State Governments for the construction of hostels for working women in order to enable women seek employment and participate in technical training.

4. Setting up of employment-Cum-Training-Cum-Income Generating units for Women (NORAD)

Under this programme, financial assistance is given to Women's Development Corporations, Public Sector Corporations, autonomous bodies, and voluntary organisations, to train poor women, mostly in non-traditional trades and to ensure their employment in these areas.

5. Support to Training and Employment Programme for Women (STEP)

This Programme seeks to provide updated skills and new knowledge to poor and assetless women in the traditional sectors such as, agriculture, animal husbandry, dairying, fisheries, handlooms, handicrafts, khadi and village industries, sericulture, social forestry and wasteland development for enhancing their productivity and income generation.

6. Short Stay Homes for Women and Girls

The Scheme seeks to protect and rehabilitate those women and girls who are facing social and moral danger due to family problems, mental strains, social ostracism, exploitation and other causes.

7. Distance Education Programme

The Scheme provides for a certificate course by IGNOU to train women Self Help group workers.

8. Condensed Courses of Education & Vocational Training for women (CC & VT)

The Scheme is implemented by the Central Social Welfare board with the objective of providing basic education and skills to needy women and also to benefit widows, destitute deserted women and also those belonging to economically backward classes.

9. Awareness Generation Project (AGP)

It aims to generate awareness among rural and poor women about their status in the family and society and to activate them to work for achieving their rights and to deal with social issues.

10. Scheme for women in Difficult Circumstances—Swadhar

The scheme has been designed with a flexible and innovative approach to cater to the requirement of various types of women in distress in diverse situations under different conditions.

11. Grant-in-aid for Research, Publications and Monitoring

The main objective ot the scheme is to extend grant in aid to Universities, Research institutes, Voluntary Organisations individual scholars for undertaking research studies on emerging issues in the field of women and child development, for services etc.

12. Grant in aid to Voluntary Organisations in the field of Women & child Development

Under the Scheme, assistance is given to voluntary organisations working in the field of child and women welfare for innovative projects and activities which are not chartered in the existing schemes of this Department.

13. Information and Mass Media

The Department uses the Mass media like newspaper, television, radio, films, printed material and other out-door publicity activities to bring about necessary attitudinal changes among the people.

14. Integrated Child Development Services (ICDS) Scheme

This Scheme aims to improve the nutritional and health status of vulnerable groups including pre-school children, pregnant women and nursing mothers by providing a package of services including Supplementary Nutrition, Pre-school education, Immunization, Health check-up, Referral Services and Nutrition and Health Education. The scheme is partly implemented with World Bank assistance. The training programme of the ICDS functionaries are taken up under the World Bank assisted Udisha scheme.

15. Integrated Women's empowerment Project (IWEP) - Swyamsidha

Swayamsidha is an Integrated scheme for women's empowerment through women's Self-Help Groups (SHGs)

16. Rural Women's Development and Empowerment Project (Swa-Shakti)

The Swa-Shakti Project is being implemented in the States of Bihar, Gujarat, Haryana, Jharkhand, Karnataka, Madhya Pradesh, Uttar Pradesh for the empowrment of rural women through their Self Help groups.

17. National Nutrition Policy and Nutrition Education

The food and Nutrition Board has been running a number of plan schemes such as Fortification of Milk with vitamin a, Research & Development, Implementation of National Nutrition Policy and Capital Expenditure of FNB.

Statement-II

Details of funds allocated and number of beneficiaries during the last three years

(Rs. in Crore)

Sl. No.	Particulars	Fund Allocated				Physical Achievement		
		1999-2000 Budgeted Estimate (BE)	2000-2001 Budgeted Estimate (BE)	2001 2002 Budgeted Estimate (BE)	Indigators	1999-2000	2000-2001	2001 2002
1	2	3	4	5	6	7	8	9
CENTRAL SCHEMES								
a)	***WELFARE AND DEVELOPMENT OF CHILDREN***							
1	Creches/Day Care Centres for Children of Working/Ailing Mothers (1975-76)	5.00	4.50	7.45	No. of Creches No. of Benf. (in lakhs)	12470 3.12	12470 3.12	12470 3.12
2	National Creche Fund for Child Care Services (1992-93)	0.01	0.01	0.97	No. of New Creches Anganwadi-cum-Creches to be opnd.	— —	— —	659 —
b)	***WELFARE AND DEVELOPMENT OF WOMEN***							
3	Hostels for Working Women (1972-73)	7.75	7.02	9.00	No. of Hostels No. of Ben.	15 1246	29 195	5 349 (as on
4	Setting up of Employment and Income Generating Trng.-cum-Prod. Centres for Women (NORAD) 1982-83)	15.00	13.00	18.00	No. of Women Benef.	20620	45..1	25045

1	2	3	4	5	6	7	8	9
5	Support to Training-cum-Employment Prog. (STEP) (1986-87)	15.00	13.00	18.00	No. of Women Benef.	6100	52550	50600
6	Short Stay Homes (1969-70)	13.52	12.00	10.00	No. of Homes (new)	36	117	43
7	Distance Education for Women Development and Empowerment (1998)	1.02	1.41	0.50	-Non Quantifiable-			
8	Condensed Courses of Education & Vocational Training for Women (1958)	9.00	1.50	2.00	No. of Courses	591	1557	172
9	Awareness Generation Projects for Rural Poor Women in Public Cooperation (1986-87)	4.00	1.80	4.00	No. of Camps	795	3422	1455
10	Scheme for Women in difficult circumstances — Swadhar	—	—	6.00	-Non Quantifiable-			
C)	***OTHER SCHEMES***							
11	GIA to Research, Publication & Monitoring (1985-86)	0.70	0.50	1.50	No. of New Studies	12	6	7
12	GIA to the Vol. Ongns. in the field of Women and Child Development	0.20	0.20	0.25	-Non Quantifiable-			
13	Information & Mass Education (1984-85)	2.00	2.00	3.50	No. of Radio Prog. No. Vedio Film Duplication of Film	13 2 —	— 18 —	— 18 —

B CENTRALLY SPONSORED SCHEMES (CSS)
CHILD DEVELOPMENT

1	2	3	4	5	6	7	8	9
14	Integrated Child Development Services (ICDS) (1975)	855.76	935.00	1198.00	No. of Project No. of Opl. Proj.	5614 4200	5614 4915	5614 5445
15	World Bank Assisted Projects (1991)	231.00	180.00	220.00	No. of Project (Old) No. of Project (New)	685 318	1247 168	1247 —
16	Training of ICDS Functionaries (1975-76)	60.00	35.80	40.00	No. of CDPOs No. of Sup. No. of AWWs ('000)	528 154s8 49	712 2206 54	252 1199 47
	WOMEN'S DEVELOPMENT							
17	Indira Mahila Yojana (Rename as Swayam Siddha)	10.00	18.00	19.50	No. of Blocks	238	650	650
18	Rural Women's Develp. & Empowerment Proj (RWDEP) - Swa Shakti	12.81	15.00	15.00	No. of District No. of SHGS	— 740	— 2000	— 2000
	FOOD AND NUTRITION BOARD							
A.	***CENTRAL SCHEME***							
19	National Nutrition Policy & Nutrition Education	1.80	2.50	3.00	No. Dem. Prog. No. of TV/Radio Prog. Mont. of ICDS No. of Film Prod. No. of INEC & OTC	12273 — 7000 6 116	13986 39 7498 10 125	11338 21 5527 5 87